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Chairman Deborah Taylor-Tate
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, Tennessee 37243

Re: AT&T's Petition for Structural Separation of BellSouth
Docket 01-00405


Dear Chairman Tate:

At the request of the Authority Staff, this letter will confirm that AT&T Communications of the South Central States, LLC ("AT&T") does not at this time intend to withdraw its Petition for Structural Separation of BellSouth, Docket 01-00405. The issues raised in the Petition remain unresolved and, arguably, the problems that gave rise to this Petition are more acute today than when this case was filed.

Because of the pending dockets to implement the FCC's Triennial Review Order in each of the nine states of the BellSouth region, however, it is not practical at this time for the parties or the Authority to undertake yet another lengthy, complex regulatory proceeding. Therefore, although AT&T does not intend to withdraw the Petition, AT&T does not intend actively to pursue this matter at this time

Very truly yours,

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